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## ASSEMBLY GAVELS FALL AT EARLY DAWN

Sine Die Adjournment Reached in Both Houses at 5:35 Sunday Morning.

### APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Determination to Hold Appropriation Bill Down Accomplished to Good Effect.

Columbia, Feb. 20.—Special to The News and Courier: The second session of the seventy-first General Assembly of South Carolina came to an end this morning at 5:35 o'clock. It was not yet midnight by the legislative clock when Senator Sharpe moved that the Senate adjourn sine die. The final motion on the House side was made by Representative J. W. Boyd. When the gavels of Lieutenant Governor Bethea and Speaker James A. Hoyt fell for the last time and the members of the General Assembly trudged out, the first streaks of dawn were visible in the east. The end was calm and peaceful, and there was much wringing of hands and expressions of mutual esteem and friendship as the various members bade one another good-bye and turned their faces homeward. There were 368 Acts passed by the Legislature at its recent session.

The entire time of both houses from the moment they assembled at 8 o'clock Saturday night until they broke up at daylight this morning was taken up with detail incident to the close. This consisted for the most part in adopting free conference reports and ratifying bills. The houses spent most of the time in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The usual jollification scenes occupied a large place in the final night. The piano, which has stood for several days in the lobby of the State House, was rolled into the House of Representatives and the members gathered around it singing the old familiar tunes, which are always a feature of the last night of the session. As the night wore on and the fact that the parting would soon come was realized, the songs drifted more and more to the sentimental, culminating in the patriotic. A thrill went throughout the House when the group around the piano broke into the national anthem, and the feeling found its climax in the outburst of hand-clapping and cheering when "Dixie" was heard.

Representative Beckett of Beaufort, with his violin accompanied the piano, greatly to the enjoyment and pleasure of the throng.

There were several mock sessions of the Senate and House during the hours of waiting. Senator Hughes, of Union, and Senator Lee, of Darlington, led the fun-making in the Senate, and the clever manner in which they got off hits on the various Senators was fully appreciated by the crowd. Reading Clerk Hutchison, of the House, was called in to act as reading clerk of the Senate at the mock session, and this he did in his usual happy way. He was particularly good in his burlesque bills on the pet subjects which various Senators have kept to the front during the session.

On the House side Representative Odom of Chesterfield, and Representative Massey of Lancaster, were the Speakers for the mock session, and they are a good team.

There were several resolutions put through just before final adjournment. The Senate concurred in the House resolution requesting the Senators and Congressmen from this State to vote for the bill now before Congress to pension Confederate soldiers and their widows.

The following Senate appointments of various committees for the ensuing year were announced by President Bethea: Committee on penal and charitable institutions, Senator Geo.

## VENERABLE MINISTER GOES TO HIS REWARD

Rev. W. C. Power, Aged 84, of Methodist Conference, Passes Away at Marion.

Marion, Feb. 20.—Special to The News and Courier: The Rev. W. C. Power, one of the oldest best known and ablest ministers of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, died at his home of his daughter, Mrs. M. C. Woods, in this city, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was 84 years of age and had been in declining health many months. For several years this venerable and well-loved minister had not been in active charge of any church, but lived here quietly with his daughter. He is survived by a widow, three sons, Messrs. William, John and Walter Power; two daughters, Mrs. Woods and Miss Julia Power, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert Teskey, of Charleston.

It is likely that the funeral will take place some time tomorrow, but the hour has not been fixed, pending the arrival of several members of the family. The interment will be in Rosehill cemetery here.

## THREE MEN BLOWN UP THROUGH RIVER

Blowout in Subway Sends Workers Sky-Rocketing Through Roof.

New York, Feb. 19.—One man is dead and another is missing as the result of a compressed air blowout late today in a subway under construction 100 feet below the surface of the East river. A third man, who was shot with the others through mud and water to the surface of the river, was bruised and dazed, but soon recovered after removal to a hospital. The blowout, believed to have been caused by a leak in the compressed air pumped into the subway to stabilize the work under construction, imperiled the lives of thirty-five other men working in the tube.

The three men were sent sky-rocketing up through the roof of the tunnel into the icy water. Witnesses on the water front declared the three men were hurled fully thirty feet above the surface of the river.

## America Has Given Belgium \$7,500,000

New York, Feb. 19.—America has contributed \$7,500,000 to the relief of Belgium, according to E. Van de Vyvere, Belgian minister of finance, who sailed today for London on the steamship St. Paul, after spending several weeks in this country. Up to February foodstuffs and clothing valued at more than \$80,000,000 had been shipped into Belgium, he said. Belgian interests supplied more than \$60,000,000 of the sum expended. The remainder was given by the people of the United States and other countries. Mr. Van de Vyvere stated that \$56,000,000 worth of supplies had been purchased in this country.

The Belgian minister thanked the people for their generosity and said in a farewell message: "I ask you, individually and as a nation, to accept the love, the friendship and the faith which is offered to America by every Belgian as the tribute of their gratitude."

M. Stuckey, of Lee; committee on State educational institutions, Senator Huger Sinkler, of Charleston; committee on Code commissioner, Senator R. D. Epps, of Sumter; committee on quarters for State officers, Senator J. M. Nickles, of Abbeville, and Senator T. H. Ketchin, of Fairfield; committee to investigate rural credits and make recommendation to the Legislature, as provided by resolution, session 1916, Senator D. R. Williams, of Lancaster; Senator Alan Johnstone, of Newberry; Senator J. L. Sherard, of Anderson; committee on State printing, provided for in Act of 1916, Senator Neils Christensen of Beaufort, and Senator C. D. Lee, of Darlington.

## CROPS DESTROYED BY RISING WATERS

Fear Expressed by Mississippi Planters.

### GREAT LOSS IN GRAIN

Cotton Yield Now Threatened. Absence of Labor May Prevent Necessary Replanting.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 20.—Fear that grain and cotton yields will be destroyed by the rising water from the Buck Ridge crevasse in the Mississippi river levee was expressed here tonight by a number of farmers and owners of large plantations upon their arrival from the flooded district. The white refugees had remained by their farms since the break in the levee last Thursday in order to get their live stock to places of safety. The crevasse there is reported to be more than 1,000 feet wide.

The oat and wheat crops have already been destroyed by the overflow, the planters reported. Prospects of negro plantation laborers leaving makes the chances for planting corn and cotton rather dubious, they asserted. Labor agents from across the river have appeared and it is alleged they are offering inducements to the laborers to leave and work the delta farms. Corn and cotton must be planted immediately after the overflow or it will be too late in the view taken by the planters.

Refugees from the Buck Ridge will be taken to Natchez. The steamers Concordia and Uncle Oliver left here today for the crevasse to continue the work of rescuing persons marooned along the levee and in high places in the flooded sections.

As only a few boats are capable of navigating the district between Newellton and the Texas basins, it was estimated here that it would take a week to rescue the people in that section. Rescue work, however, will be facilitated by the construction of flat boats, it was made known here tonight.

The condition of the marooned refugees tonight still was uncertain. Reports from rescuers who have penetrated into the closer sections of the back lands stated, however, that suffering was on the increase.

The flood was reported to be past Waterproof tonight and had covered all of Tensas parish with the exception of a few high points. East Madison and Morehouse parishes also were reported covered.

A member of the Mississippi legislature here in the interest of relief work said an effort would be made to have the legislature of Mississippi appeal to the government for shelter tents for the refugees at Natchez.

## HOLD UP STEAMER. TAKE GERMANS OFF

British Cruiser Removes 38 Teutons From China.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—The American steamship China, which left Shanghai yesterday morning for San Francisco, was held on the high seas by a British auxiliary cruiser and 38 Germans were taken off.

The China is owned by the China Mail Steamship company. It is thought she may have been held up by the Laurentic, which recently stopped the Tenyo Maru while on a voyage to Manila, and removed nine Indians.

## Educators Meet in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20.—With all of the leading hotels reported filled many Detroiters today threw open their homes to visiting educators who have come to the city by the hundred to attend conferences and conventions which begin tomorrow and conclude on Friday. Meetings which are held under the auspices of the National Educational Association, are to dispose of a great mass of routine business incident to the annual convention of the N. E. A., at New York City in July.

## EARTHQUAKE FELT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Tremor of Slight But Distinct Nature Occurred About 5.45 P. M. Monday.

### NO DAMAGE YET REPORTED

Dishes Broken at Winnsboro and Shock Felt in Other Section.

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—An earthquake of slight, but distinct, nature, that made itself felt throughout Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and portions of Eastern Tennessee and Alabama, was reported early tonight as having been felt at about 5.45 P. M., Central time, today. In no case was any damage reported, and while in some instances persons hurriedly left buildings there was nothing in the nature of a panic.

The only seismograph known to be in the section affected by the tremor is at Mobile, Ala., where the instrument recorded brief shocks. Most reports agreed that the tremor passed from east and west and was felt only momentarily. In Augusta, Ga., and several other places, however, three distinct shocks were reported. At other points only one tremor was felt.

The earth shock either did not reach Florida or was so slight as not to be felt there, according to reports here tonight.

### Dishes Broken.

Winnsboro, Feb. 21.—A seismic disturbance of several seconds was felt here this afternoon about 6.30 o'clock. The shocks were two in number and followed in rapid succession. No damage occurred worthy of mention except the loss of several valuable pieces of crockery-ware and other fragiles by the housewives of the city.

## TO GO ON GANG IF VIOLATE "DRY" LAW

Manning Signs Liles Bill—McCormick County All Right.

Grimball New Solicitor.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 19.—Governor Manning today signed the Liles bill, providing for at least thirty days' chain-gang sentence for every man convicted of selling liquor in South Carolina. The measure, which passed both houses of the legislature after some opposition, provides that for the first offense the sentence shall be six months to two years, the judge having the prerogative of suspending all but thirty days of the sentence. For subsequent offenses the penalty is one of five years all except sixty days. The alternative of a fine is eliminated by the law.

Governor Manning, late today, signed the act creating McCormick county.

Governor Manning tonight appointed William H. Grimball, of Charleston, as solicitor for the Ninth Circuit.

## CHANGES MADE IN THE 2-QUART MONTH MEASURE

Grips Containing Whiskey Will Not Have to Be Labelled.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—The free conference report on the two-quart-a-month bill struck out section 10, which requires a man, if he carries whiskey in a grip, to paste a label on the outside stating how much whiskey the grip contains. The free conference also struck out the word "receive," as the original bill prohibited a man from giving his friend a drink. The section prohibiting non-residents from getting whiskey while in this state was also stricken out. The bill as finally adopted allows each resident of the state to order two quarts of whiskey or five dozen bottles of beer per month. As soon as the bill is signed by the governor it will become law.

## SENATE AGAINST 2-CENT RATE BILL

Southeastern Tariff Association Is Driven From South Carolina by Law.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—The senate last night agreed to the house amendments to the bill driving the Southeastern Tariff Association out of the state. The bill was ordered enrolled for ratification.

The administration bill providing for a board of conciliation passed the senate late last night and was returned to the house with amendments.

At the night session the senate passed the bill providing pay for militiamen who attend drills. The bill was returned to the house with minor amendments.

A test vote showed the senate overwhelmingly against the two-cent railroad rate bill. The measure came up for debate and Senator Carlisle, in opposing its passage, said that it was baiting the railroads. On a motion by Senator Sharpe to adjourn debate on the bill until 10:30 Saturday, Senator Hughes moved to table this motion, which the senate refused to do by a vote of 14 to 21. Those who voted for the motion to table, that is, presumably for the bill, were: Banks, Beattie, Earle, E. D. Epps, Goodwin, Harvey, Hughes, D. B. Johnson, Alan Johnstone, Ketchin, O'Dell, Sherard, Wightman, D. Reese Williams, Total 14.

Those who voted against the motion that is, presumably against the bill, were: Black, Buck, Carlisle, Christensen, Durand, E. C. Epps, Evans, Guilan, Laney, Lee, Lide, Manning, McCown, Mullins, Nicholson, Richardson, Sharpe, Sinkler, Spigner, Stacy, Stuckey, Verner, Walker, John F. Williams, Total 21.

## GIVES FACTS WANTED.

North Carolinian Comes to Lancaster Widow's Assistance.

To the Editor of The State:

We see from a clipping in Kinston Daily News of February 10 an article relative to Mrs. Pollie Simpson of Lancaster county, South Carolina, and her effort to secure facts as to the death of her husband, Peter Simpson, killed near Kinston in the spring of '64. Now please say to her that there is a gentleman, William Walters, who lives near me who can give her the facts; he remembers the incident and has told of it time and again. I have to say that his (Mr. Walters') word is as good as any man's in my section, there being no one who would distrust any assertion of his.

I have to say that he is the only living member of Company D in this section that we know of. Mr. Walters is anxious to be of some assistance to the widow of his dead comrade and will make further statements if necessary, after he is informed as to what is wanted, to comply with the laws of our State in such matters. Geo. F. Parrott, Kinston, N. C.

## Mr. Walters' Statement.

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 12. To Whom This May Concern:

The undersigned has to say that he was a member of Company D, Sixty-seventh regiment, North Carolina troops, and that he was with that company on a certain night during the War of Secession near Cobb's, at few miles east of Kinston, N. C., and that Peter Simpson, with whom I served about six months in the various duties of a soldier, was shot in the thigh by a Yankee soldier about 9 o'clock at night and died next morning on the mill dam at the old Cobb mill just where he was shot down.

The occurrence is all clear to me and I have to say that I only knew Peter Simpson in the war and never knew where he came from, but my recollection is he was a dark skinned man of about average size.

I feel certain that he was the husband of Mrs. Pollie Simpson. W. F. Walters.

Witness: Geo. T. Parrott.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS FINAL MESSAGE

Manning Approves Appropriation Bill.

WITHOUT ONE VETO

General Assembly Adjourns at 5:35 O'clock Sunday Morning. Resolutions of Thanks.

Without vetoing a single item, Gov. Manning at 5:35 o'clock Sunday morning sent his message of approval of the appropriation bill and the omnibus county supply bill to the general assembly. Two minutes later the 1916 legislature became history, from its convening at noon January 11 to its adjournment.

The governor's farewell message was:

"Permit me to thank your honorable body for the courtesy and consideration extended to the executive department and to me personally during your session. The friendships brought about through personal association in a patriotic service to our honored State will linger with me long after you have adjourned and returned to your homes and loved ones.

"I respectfully inform your honorable body that I have signed the appropriation bill and the school and county supply bill and have no further communication or message.

"May God's blessing rest upon you and yours always, is my earnest prayer."

Following the reading of the message and the adjournment immediately thereafter, members of the house and senate extended hearty handshakes to their departing coworkers in the legislative halls. It was in pledge of the many words of farewell and good wishes that had been spoken at odd intervals during the nine and one-half hour session of Saturday night.

The concluding session of the 1916 legislature was enjoyable to the members and the itinerant visitors because of its irregularities, its songs and music and its mock sessions of parliamentary procedure. In various ways the legislators passed away the time between the adoption of free conference reports and the ratification of bills.

All attaches of the legislative department received thanks for the services rendered. Loving cups were presented to Speaker Hoyt, who was highly complimented in short speeches by more than 20 members, and to Junius T. Liles, chairman of the ways and means committee. Speeches of presentation and acceptance of these "slight tokens of high esteem" were made with a sincerity that was not forced.

The engrossing department, which had completed all bills turned over to it by 5 o'clock in the morning after a continuous session of many hours, was commended in the following resolution, introduced in the house by Mr. Massey and in the senate by Senator Laney:

"Be it resolved, by the house of representatives (and the senate), That the engrossing department is commended for their zeal and manner in which they have attended to the multitudinous duties which have been theirs, and we especially desire to congratulate them on the promptness and correctness with which they transacted the business of enrolling the acts on this the closing night of the 1916 session."

Many of the members of the 71st general assembly left on early morning trains, others departed during the day, while still others remained in Columbia all of yesterday.—The State, Feb. 21.

## McCormick County.

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